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Annual Administrative Report

FOREWORD

By R. G. Dingman, Chairman, Executive Committee

Reports being presented today deal with a difficult, but on the whole gratifying, year's work. The Council has in some senses been consolidating its position in a second line of defence, and helping many Associations in Canada to do likewise. If in an economic sense we have been retreating it has, however, been with our faces still to the **front,** not to the rear! The Council, as I understand it, stands relatively high among the Associations of Canada, as the respective Associations in general stand well in their various communities.

In Program and Personnel Training we believe that the Y.M.C.A. Park School this past Summer was very significant. Similar Institute and Study Groups—following Cleveland's lead—were held by several Associations. The Recreation training given at the Park and in a number of Associations this year was a valuable and I believe promising undertaking, having in mind especially, the increasing leisure of so many of our membership.

A number of Discussion Outlines, on important subjects of current concern, were, and are, being prepared and used. An important feature in this connection is that these Outlines, prepared by especially qualified leaders, are being made available not only for Associations, but for general use, such as by Churches, Schools, Young People's organizations and the like.

Amid economic and social strains and duties, we are anxious that the Religious Emphasis shall not be overlooked. To this end the Park this coming Summer will have a week on aspects of Religious Experience, and I hope that during the year we may be able to have similar emphasis exerted by Local Associations throughout the country, with enlistment of a large number of our members in personal devotional study and worship.

The North American "Y" is in some quarters accused of over-emphasizing the social outreach of religion. In this connection you may be interested in two or three postulates put forth by F. R. Barry, the King's Chaplain at Oxford, in his book "The Relevance of Christianity" which really deals with Christian Ethics, or the outreach of religion. Bishop Gore is quoted, "In the long run what any society is to become, will depend on what it believes about the eternal verities." Barry himself says "Ethical progress must be based on the inspiration of faith—There must be the re-enthronement of Christian faith in God at the centre of men's thinking and willing. Short of that we are ethically powerless." He also says "The Christian ethic is a religious ethic, with an other-worldly hunger and thirst at the heart of it."* You may be interested also in Barry's definition of Christian Experience, which he says is not tradition or history, but "a flame which leaps to life in the heart when the spirit of the living Christ touches us." **

With due allowance for possible differences in theological interpretation, the Council and the local Associations are I judge in general agreement with the emphasis and spirit of these statements.

* But Barry also says that the religion that does not concern itself with the political. social and economic problems of everyday life "is blasphemy"!

** But he says also "religious experience cannot in fact mean anything but the life experience of a religious man, his total response to his environment as directed and sustained by his religion".—R.G.D.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

At the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee, the Treasurer, Mr. Bauckham, presented the following statements for 1932 which were adopted by regular motion.

Mr. Bauckham pointed out that the regular budget had only been balanced by the exercise of very strict economies in all items during the year, by the splendid co-operation of all members of the staff as well as by salary reduction on all employees.

In the Park Property account a considerable saving in overhead costs had been effected by an adjustment with our Mortgagees involving the application of cash surrender values on $15,000. of life insurance amounting to $7,952 , reducing our mortgage to $27,048. which with the cash deficit of $11,840.82 makes the indebtedness $38,888.82. Our estimated valuation of the property, building and equipment is $132,248 51.

The meeting went on record in expressing gratitude to the Associations and to the guidance of the Spirit of God in achieving so satisfactory financial results in the light of existing conditions.

General Account Financial Statement, 1932

Receipts:

Subscriptions, Local Associations:		
Allandale	$ 72.00	
Belleville	50.00	
Brandon	75.00	
Brantford—Personal	220.37	
Calgary	150.00	
Canmore	280.00	
Capreol	125.00	
Chapleau	150.00	
Charlottetown	100.00	
Cranbrook	25.00	
Edmonton	107.15	
Field	200.00	
Fort Erie North	30.00	
Fort William	100.00	
Galt	316.70	
Guelph	225.00	
Halifax	1,080.00	
Hamilton	2,000.00	
Ignace	175.00	
Kenora	190.00	
Kingston	275.00	
Kitchener	750.00	
Lethbridge	100.00	
London	1,150.00	
Midland	100.00	
Mimico	50.00	
Montreal	9,000.00	
Moose Jaw	5.00	
Niagara Falls, R.R.	100.00	
Orillia	50.00	
Ottawa	2,025.00	
Peterboro	360.00	
Quebec—Personal	274.50	
Regina	75.00	
Revelstoke	65.00	
St. Catharines—Assn.	420.00	
St. Catharines—Personal	250.00	
Saint John	625.00	
St. Thomas	180.00	
Sarnia	65.00	
Schreiber	200.00	
Sherbrooke	300.00	
Sioux Lookout	172.50	
Stratford	100.00	
Toronto	12,000.00	
Vancouver	1,500.00	
White River	180.00	
Windsor	500.00	
Winnipeg—Personal	27.50	
Woodstock	135.00	
Yarmouth	50.00	
Railroad Assns. in U.S.	290.00	
	37,045.72	
Less unpaid from previous year	500.00	
		$36,545.72
Special subscriptions, Organized Centres		100.00
Subscriptions, Unorganized Centres		1,033.50
Subscriptions, Railroad Department		3,051.43
Endowment Interest		3,105.84
Sales and Refunds		271.73
Exchange on U.S. Funds		533.95
		$44,642.17

Expenditures

General Supervision	$ 7,929.11
General Administration	6,450.14
Railroad Administration	5,599.03
Programme: Boys' Work	5,003.34
Men's Work	4,964.31
Personnel	5,309.50
Summer Schools	476.30
General Office	5,653.63
Year Book	350.00
Monthly Bulletin	178.75
Annual Meeting	434.39
World's Committee	1,500.00
Religious Education Council of Canada	50.00
Immigration Department, Old Account	406.80
Miscellaneous Account	270.00
	$44,575.30
Surplus, 1932	66.87
	$44,642.17

Balance Sheet—December 31st, 1932

Assets

1. Cash on Hand		$ 450.00
2. Accounts Receivable — Travel Advances to Secretaries		601.30
3. Accounts Receivable		4,896.83
4. Hymn Book and Song Book—Stock on hand		75.67
5. Advances to Y.M.C.A. Park		11,840.82
6. Accumulated deficit carried forward	6,088.34	
Less surplus, 1932	66.87	
		6,021.47
		$23,886.09

Liabilities

1. Funds held in trust for allied organizations		593.40
2. International Committee Loan		15,000.00
3. Reserve for repayment of exchange on International Committee Loan		1,680.96
4. Contingency Reserve		2,034.51
5. Canadian Bank of Commerce—		
Bank loans	6,000.00	
Less balance—current account	1,422.78	
		4,577.22
		$23,886.09

Y.M.C.A. Park Financial Statement, 1932

Receipts

Dining Room	$ 5,679.27
Lodging	2,670.42
Store and Post Office	1,488.21
Cottages and Land	4,669.62
Boats and Canoes	214.76
Transportation	111.34
Telephone, Telegraph and Office	169.06
Y.M.C.A. Schools	476.30
Church and Foreign Collections	131.85
	$15,610.83

Expenditures

Dining Room	$ 3,009.93
Lodging	563.89
Store and Post Office	1,044.60
Cottage and Land	1,245.59
Boats and Canoes	110.50
Transportation	559.93
Office, Telephone and Telegraph	895.27
Buildings and Grounds	2,121.61
Administration	862.99
Mortgage Interest	2,250.80
Y.M.C.A. Schools	476.30
Foreign Collections	65.92
Surplus on operations	2,403.50
	$15,610.83
Surplus on 1932 operations	$ 2,403.50
Less payment of insurance premiums applied on Sinking Fund	597.45
Receipts over expenditures	$ 1,806.05

The above statements have been certified correct by OSCAR HUDSON & CO., Chartered Accountants.

BUDGET AND ALLOTMENTS, 1933

The Treasurer, in presenting his report on the 1933 budget and suggested allotments, called attention to the fact that in view of the continued difficult economic condition in Canada, the Finance Committee, realizing this situation were proposing a

further reduced budget representing an additional 8% curtailment of expenditure in 1933, effected by scraping all items to the bone and by another salary adjustment on all members of staff which now ranges from 15% to 23%.

After a thorough discussion this report was adopted with the understanding that the subscription to the World's Committee of $1,500. be continued on that basis for the first six months of the year, to be again reviewed before July 1st. It was further understood that the Officers' Committee be given power to make minor adjustments of budget figures as required.

Recommend 1933 Expenditure Budget

General Secretary's Department	$ 7,764.96
Associate General Secretary's Department	5,752.56
Railroad Secretary's Department	4,558.00
Programme Secretary's Department	4,000.00
Men's Work Secretary's Department	5,048.13
Personnel Secretary's Department	5,233.60
Summer Schools	1,000.00
General Office	5,300.85
Year Book	330.00
Monthly Bulletin	300.00
Annual Meeting	500.00
Subscription, World's Committee	1,500.00
Subscription, R.E.C.C.	50.00
Miscellaneous	75.00
	$41,413.10

Suggested Local Association Allotments, 1933

Allandale	$ 72 00	New Westminster	60.00
Belleville	96.00	Niagara Falls (C)	60.00
Brandon	96.00	Niagara Falls (RR)	84.00
Brantford	240.00	Orillia	120 00
Calgary	180.00	Ottawa	1,800.00
Canmore	280 00	Peterborough	300.00
Capreol	120.00	Quebec	275.00
Chapleau	120.00	Regina	120.00
Charlottetown	120.00	Revelstoke	72.00
Cobalt	25.00	St. Catharines	610.00
Cranbrook	36.00	Saint John	650.00
Edmonton	180.00	St. Thomas	180.00
Field	180.00	Sarnia	60.00
Fort Erie	60.00	Saskatoon	120.00
Fort William	96.00	Sault Ste. Marie	60 00
Galt	240.00	Schreiber	150.00
Guelph	240.00	Sherbrooke	240.00
Halifax	960.00	Sioux Lookout	168.00
Hamilton	2,000.00	Stratford	120.00
Ignace	150 00	Toronto	12,000.00
Kenora	150.00	Vancouver	1,200.00
Kingston	240.00	Victoria	120.00
Kitchener	660.00	White River	150.00
Lethbridge	120.00	Windsor	420.00
London	1,020.00	Winnipeg	500.00
Midland	120.00	Woodstock	120.00
Mimico	60.00	Yarmouth	60.00
Moncton	120.00	R.R. Assn., in U.S.	240.00
Montreal	9,000.00		
Moose Jaw	60.00		$37,130.00

FOREIGN SERVICE

Mr. Lind in presenting a report of Canadian contributions to Foreign work as indicated below, also stated that the deficit of the International Committee for the year 1932 was $345,902.63 and accrued deficit of $1,428,502.79.

In discussing the report which was adopted by motion it was intimated that there was a considerable body of opinion in the Brotherhood that Canada should again have a National Council Secretary who would devote at least half of his time to Canadian Foreign service. As no specific plan regarding this matter was ready for presentation it was decided that the principle be given general approval and details of a suitable plan be left with the Officers and Executive Committees.

Financial Report

Association	1932 Receipts	1933 Allotments
Allandale	$ 25.00	25.00
Belleville	29.50	50.00
Brandon	50.00	50.00
Brantford	220.38	300.00
Bridgeburg	.....	15.00
Calgary	.....	150.00
Capreol	.....	15.00
Chapleau	.....	15 00
Charlottetown	150.00	150.00
Cobalt	.....	15.00
Cranbrook	.....	15.00
Edmonton	.....	150.00
Field	10.00	25.00
Fort William	.....	25.00
Galt	219.50	250.00
Guelph	200.00	350.00
Halifax	1,192 34	1,000.00
Hamilton	704.14	1,200.00
Ignace	.....	15.00
Kenora	20.00	25.00
Kingston	65.00	100.00
Kitchener	900.00	1,000 00
London	1,034.35	1,000.00
Midland	25.00	100.00
Moncton	140 00	150.00
Moose Jaw	35.00	50.00
Montreal	(16,704.42)	14,400.00
Central	851.61	
Metropolitan	13,940.59	
Westmount	1,115.12	
North	201.65	
International	270.00	
Pt. St. Charles	47.80	
Mt. Royal	45.50	
Southwestern	73.33	
Notre Dame	105.70	
Camps	53.12	
New Westminster	.....	25.00
Niagara Falls City	.....	25.00
Niagara Falls R.R.	.....	15 00
Orillia	10.00	50.00
Ottawa	1,551.18	1,800.00
Peterborough	100.00	125.00
Quebec	77.50	200.00
Regina	.....	100.00
Revelstoke	.....	15.00
St. Catharines	116.00	200.00
Saint John	405.00	500 00
St. John's Nfld.	.....	.....
St. Thomas	40.00	50.00
Sarnia	.....	15.00
Saskatoon	.....	100.00
Sault Ste. Marie	.....	15.00
Schreiber	.....	15.00
Sherbrooke	391.75	400.00
Sioux Lookout	.....	15.00
Stratford	105.00	125.00
Sydney	206.00	200.00
Toronto	(9,095.00)	10,000.00
Metropolitan	6,235.00	
Central	835.00	
West End	1,400.00	
Broadview	600.00	
St. Clair	.....	
West Toronto	.....	
East Toronto	.....	
Danforth	25.00	
Mimico	.....	
Truro	30.00	50.00
Vancouver	326.50	400.00
Victoria	81.05	100.00
White River	.....	15.00
Windsor	.....	100.00

Winnipeg	32.50	200.00
Woodstock	50.15	50.00
Yarmouth	.....	15.00
Special	1,720.97	1,500.00
	$36,063.23	$37,060.00
1931 Subscriptions	$46,669.08	

NOTE—Included in the receipts for 1932 is an item of $4,000.00 from the Sun Life Assurance Co. and credited to the Montreal Association, representing a payment made direct to New York in the current year on a 1931 pledge.

STAFF ADJUSTMENTS

Upon recommendation by the Officers' Committee the following adjustments were, on motion, adopted:

First: That Mr. Davis assume the responsibility for the Council's Programme Service and that Mr. Otter and Mr. Cook be associated with him.

Second: That Mr. Cook whose engagement with the Council terminated December 31st, be invited to continue on the staff until September 1st, 1933.

Third: In light of the fact that Mr. McAlister is eligible for retirement he be invited to continue his present relationships for 1933 with the understanding that an adjustment be sought with the Retirement Board of Trustees enabling him to serve the Council in 1934 on the three months' salary basis.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Members of the Council having indicated by mail approval that they are in favor of holding Regional Conferences throughout Canada, it was reported that the staff had drafted a tentative programme as follows and sent it out to all Associations The action was approved.

Conference theme—"Pressing forward in a day of Opportunity."

Main subjects:

1. Guidance in Social Thinking and Planning.
2. New forms of Recreation.
3. Sources of Spiritual Power.

LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD

By Gerald W. Birks,
President, National Council Y.M.C.A.

As I participated in the meeting of the General Executive Committee reported in this Bulletin and listened to the reports of the Chairman of the Committee, the Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Service Committees of the Council, I was impressed with the manner in which strategic adjustments had been made during the year in the financing and activities of the Council in the face of uncontrollable financial embarrassment which definitely affected the plans set up at the beginning of the year.

In the light of existing social and economic conditions the Council has managed to come through an exceedingly difficult year with flying colors, not only in the area of finances, but likewise in constructive plans and services both with respect to its Home and Foreign responsibilities. The main reason for the success attained is due to the loyal support of its work and the assumption of financial obligation by the local Associations which have been confronted with similar difficult financial problems. It is true that some units felt it was impossible to give anything at all, but even where this was the case the attitude to the Council was sympathetic and loyal.

The year upon which we have entered is still full of pitfalls involving careful steering by the leadership of our organizations both local and national, and only as we proceed united in mind and heart will we avoid defeat and disaster. As the Poet Laureate of England is quoted in a recent newspaper interview, we are called upon to show "brave hearts and face forward courageously". The Council covets the power to give significant help to all Associations at this time, especially those which are confronted by extraordinary and sometimes baffling conditions. We will be best able to do so as every unit gives mental, spiritual, and financial support to all our enterprises including our home and foreign budgets.

The strength of our movement in Canada and its effective outreach into other lands in my judgment depends to a very large degree upon the ability of the National organization to function effectively and progressively, and in turn this is impossible without every local unit providing a measure of support to the central agency. If, therefore, the morale of the movement in Canada is to be maintained and some progress made, each Association in 1933 should have some share, however small, in both our home and foreign organizations.

OFFICERS OF COUNCIL

By resolution the Officers for 1933 as listed below were continued in office:

Honorary President, J. J. Gartshore, Toronto.

Honorary Vice-Presidents, G. Herbert Wood, Toronto; John Watt, Toronto.

President, Gerald W. Birks, Montreal.

Vice-Presidents, R. M. Fielding, Halifax; Ellis H. Jones, St. Catharines.

Treasurer, Chas. Bauckham, Toronto.

Chairman, General Executive Committee, Russell G. Dingman, Toronto.

Chairman, Personnel Service Committee, Harold R. Frost, Toronto.

Chairman, Programme Service Committee, Dr. W. R. Taylor, Toronto.

Chairman, Foreign Service Committee, W. S. Leslie, Montreal.

Chairman, Administrative Service Committee, J. A. Caulder, Toronto.

Chairman, Physical Education Committee, John G. Near, Toronto.

Chairman, Railroad Committee, A. J. Hills, Montreal.